

## ...A... Misunderstanding

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

Alex Trowbridge, having been graduated from college, advertised for a position as tutor in a private family. He got a request to call at a house in a suburban place called Glendale and went there one afternoon to find a handsome house in the center of large grounds. A ring at the bell brought a maid, who ushered him into a drawing room and left him without waiting to learn who should be announced. Trowbridge, having written that he would call on that day and hour, supposing he was expected, did not call her back.

He had waited some time when he noticed a movement of a screen before a door leading to a side room. Since there was no apparent reason for its being moved, his curiosity was excited. Going to it, he looked behind it.

A girl of nineteen was there, who had evidently been spying on him. Being detected, she colored.

"I dare say you think hard of me," she said, "but you must admit that under the circumstances I would wish to catch a glimpse of you before meeting you."

"Quite so," replied Trowbridge, supposing that she was to be his pupil.

"I dare say this matter is for the best, but it seems very cold blooded," added the girl.

"Cold blooded?" "It certainly seems cold blooded to me, though there is an element of romance in a girl meeting for the first time one who is to have so important an influence on her life."

Trowbridge was as much astonished as puzzled. He had heard of girls falling in love with their tutors, but this speaking of romance in a case where the tutor had not yet been engaged seemed premature.

"I can readily understand," he said, "the feeling that prompted you to desire to see me before receiving me. It enabled you to turn me down in case you did not approve, or, rather, it would have enabled you to do so had I not blundered into interrupting your survey."

"It was I who blundered in attempting to make a survey. How did you come to suspect that I was behind the screen?"

"I saw it rock without any apparent cause."

"How stupid of me!" "I suppose I am to see your father with reference to the engagement?"

"Certainly. But he is not in this afternoon. Besides, there is no hurry. The object of this visit is entirely preliminary, being to enable us to meet and get acquainted. I am not to be forced in the matter. I am to have full liberty to do as I please, you, of course, having the same privilege."

"Oh, for that matter my mind is made up. I am ready to make an engagement at once. I am delighted in having so attractive a pupil."

"In the art of love?" looking up archly.

This was proceeding at so rapid a pace that Trowbridge was almost frightened. Surely there must be something unapparent at the bottom of it. What did it mean? He turned the topic of conversation to the course of instruction to be pursued.

"Do you intend to prepare for college?" he asked.

"College? Oh, no; there will be no time to go to college. Father needs capital at once. Of course he has told you all about that."

The puzzled look on Trowbridge's face was noticed by the girl, who added:

"It can't be possible that papa has arranged this meeting without having made the business arrangement with you?"

"I have not seen your father. I advertised for a position as tutor and received a letter asking me to call."

Further explanation was interrupted by a young man being shown into the room by the maid. The lady had sidled up to Trowbridge and was sitting very near him. The newly entering guest started, then, pulling him self together, advanced.

"I'm Mr. Waterman," he said. "I have come in accordance with an arrangement with you."

At the name Waterman the girl jumped from the sofa on which she and Trowbridge were sitting as though she had been stung by a wasp.

**Higher Than Pikes Peak.**  
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**Sunset and Twilight.**  
Twilight is a phenomenon caused by atmospheric refraction. When the sun gets below the horizon we are not immediately plunged into the darkness of night. Although the sun is below our horizon, rays of solar light are bent or refracted by the terrestrial atmosphere and continue to furnish some slight illumination. The process continues with diminishing intensity until the sun is so far below the horizon that the refracting power of the atmosphere is no longer able to bend the rays enough to produce a visible effect. The time after sunset that the sun reaches such a position varies with the latitude of the place. There is less twilight at the tropic zone than at the temperate or frigid zone. This is due to less time taken by the sun's rays to pass through the atmosphere, at the tropic zone the sun's rays being perpendicular and at the temperate and frigid zones oblique.

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**Dumas' Last Jest.**  
Dumas the elder was the son of a general of Napoleon Bonaparte, who would take his soldiers by the breeches and fling them over the palisades to an assault. Dumas inherited much of that same spirit. It is said that Dumas left Paris for the last time taking with him a single gold piece, which he solemnly laid on the mantelpiece of his room at Puys. Toward the end his eye wandered across the sickroom to this coin, and, pointing to it, he said to his son: "See there! Fifty years ago when I came to Paris I had one louis in my possession. Why am I accused of being a prodigal? I have preserved and possess it still. See! There it is!" This was Dumas' last jest.

**When Jackson Dined.**  
When Colonel Davy Crockett was a member of congress and was at his home in Tennessee some one asked him about the dinner hour in Washington. He said the common people ate dinner at 12, the next above them at 1, the merchants at 2, the representatives at 3, the senators at 4, members of the cabinet at 5 and the vice president at 6. "But when does the president dine?" "What! Old Hickory?" said Crockett.

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